



ST. THOMAS' CATHEDRAL
MUMBAI
Since 1718



The Church of North India
A member of the worldwide Anglican Communion

Sundays 7 am Eucharist (*said*) † 8.45 am Eucharist (*sung*)
Weekdays 7 am to 6 pm for a time of quiet prayer and reflection



*May the seeds of Your Word scattered among us this morning
fall in good soil.*

*May they take root in our hearts and lives,
and produce an abundant harvest of good words and deeds.*

*We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ,
our teacher and our Lord.*

Amen.

The Second Sunday before Lent Sexagesima

Sunday 8th February 2026 • 8.45 a.m.

Choral Eucharist

Welcome to St Thomas' Cathedral for this service

We are the mother church of the Diocese of Bombay in the Church of North India, a member of the worldwide Anglican Communion. For over 300 years, the people of St. Thomas' Cathedral have sought to be a body through which the light of Christ is seen, his life is shared, and his work is done.

The basis for our worship is the *Book of Common Prayer*, our common liturgical heritage with Anglicans across the world (all churches descended from the Church of England). We are rooted in tradition but celebrate the richness and diversity of the Communion. Music and hymnody represent the best of the Anglican choral tradition.

Follow the readings and the Order of Service for the Lord's Supper from *The Book of Common Prayer* (refer page numbers).

The hymns can be found in *The English Hymnal*.



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Order of Service

The congregation is asked to join in all text printed in **bold**.

The Gathering

Voluntary

Larghetto - George Frederick Handel (1685 - 1759)

Fugue from No. 6, Op. 65 - Felix Mendelssohn (1809 - 1847)

Welcome

All keep silence and prepare for worship

Introit

Sung by the choir

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
Wean it from earth through all its pulses move;
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as Thou art,
And make me love Thee as I ought to love.

Words: George Croly (1780 - 1860)

Music: Frederick Atkinson (1841 - 1897)

All stand and face the West Door

Call to Worship

Presbyter

Jesus, you sow yourself

the Word of Truth, generously

All

the Word of Life, graciously.

Defend us from the Evil One

who seeks to snatch us away.

**Fortify us for hard times and costly discipleship
that we may endure.**

Deliver us from distraction, from worldly desires and
all that would lure us and choke us with false promises.

All

Till us, turn us.

Enrich us with every blessing of your Spirit

that we may be good soil

forever faithful and fruitful for you.

Amen.

All join in singing the hymn
Let us, with a gladsome mind

The Entrance Hymn | # 532
Tune: MONKLAND

Please be seated

All say together

The Collect for Purity | **page 260**

The Liturgy of the Word

The Collect for the Day | **page 350**

Read by the Presbyter

The Old Testament Lesson | **page 350**

Genesis 3:9 - 19

A reading from the Book of Genesis.

At the conclusion of the reading: This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

*Remain seated while the choir sings
the Psalm to a chant by Barnby*

Psalm | **page 68**
24:1 - 5 Domini est terra

After the last verse, all stand for the Gloria Patri

Please be seated

The Epistle | **page 351**

2 Corinthians 11:19 - 31

A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

At the conclusion of the reading the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

All stand and sing

He who would valiant be

Gradual Hymn | # 402

Tune: MONKS GATE

*Remain standing for the Gospel
as the cantor sings the Alleluia and we respond*

The Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia
Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Gospel of Christ | *page 352*

St. Luke 8:4 - 15

Gospeller The Lord be with you.
All **And with thy spirit.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke.

Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

At the end of the Gospel:

The Gospeller This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
All **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Remain standing, all reciting the Creed

The Nicene Creed | *page 265*

Please be seated

Sermon

The Revd. Avinash Rangayya, *Cathedral Presbyter*



*“As for what was sown on good soil,
this is he who hears the word and understands it.”*

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

All stand

The Celebrant offers a greeting of peace

Celebrant

Blessed are the peacemakers:
they shall be called children of God.
We meet in the name of Christ and share his peace.
cf Matthew 5. 19

All

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

*Members of the congregation greet one another with a sign of peace.
Remain standing to sing the offertory hymn.*

*At this time the altar is set with the gifts of bread and wine and the
gifts of the people are gathered and presented. Thank you for your generosity.*

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All join in singing

Song at the Offertory

**Sing them over again to me,
wonderful words of life;
let me more of their beauty see,
wonderful words of life;
words of life and beauty,
teach me faith and duty.**

Refrain: **Beautiful words, wonderful words,
wonderful words of life. //**

² **Christ, the blessed one, gives to all
wonderful words of life;
sinner, list to the loving call,
wonderful words of life;
all so freely given,
wooing us to heaven.**

Continued

³ **Sweetly echo the gospel call,
wonderful words of life;
offer pardon and peace to all,
wonderful words of life;
Jesus, only Saviour,
sanctify forever.**

All say

Offertory Prayer | **page 270**

Kneel as able or sit

The Prayers of the People

Intercessor

Heavenly Father may your words of truth take root in our hearts and grow to rich maturity.

May we hear your will for us and act upon it;
may we take seriously our responsibility to encourage and nurture one another in faith at every age and every stage.

Lord in your mercy:

All

Hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father may every act of selfless giving and every search for truth be richly blessed and rewarded;

Disturb assumptions and lead us to ponder more deeply the spiritual dimensions of our lives.

May the word of God reach all who are ready to receive it and help us set no boundaries as to who they might be and the needs they may have. Lord in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father make our homes places of love and growth, welcoming all who visit them, and accepting and forgiving to all who are nurtured there.

Help us through the quarrels and heartaches and remind us to honour another as your cherished children.

Lord in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father may all whose bodies, souls and minds are aching know the comforting and strengthening power of your companionship, and the healing work of your love.

May we be more ready to support and befriend one another through the difficult times, in the name and love of the God we worship. Lord in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

Continued. Turn over.

Intercessor Heavenly Father we pray for all who are making the journey through physical death, as they put down earthly things and wake to your presence.

Bring us all to share with them your life in all its fullness.

Lord in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father the rain and sunshine,
the growing and harvesting sing to us of your faithful love,
and we offer you our thankful praise for all your gifts to us.

Merciful father:

**accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen**

The General Confession & Absolution | *page 275, 276*

The Consecration | *page 277*

The Communion | *page 284*

Proceed to the High Altar for receiving Communion

While seated, we sing Hymns at the Communion | **# 315**

Jesu, gentlest Saviour

Tune: EUDOXIA & CASWALL

The Thanksgiving | *page 287*

All stand and sing Gloria in Excelsis | *page 288*

The Blessing

Presbyter May your heart be cultivated as rich soil,
receiving the Word of God with openness and
understanding.

May the seeds of faith take deep root,
overcoming thorns of worry,
to produce a bountiful harvest in your life.
Be blessed to sow goodness generously
and remain steadfast

And the blessing of God almighty,
† the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

All join in singing

Recessional Hymn | # 577

O Jesus, I have promised

Tune: DAY OF REST (A&M 271)

From the West Door the Presbyter says

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Postlude

Toccata - Johann Speth (1664 - 1728)

Please stay back after the service for a time of fellowship over a cup of coffee. Introduce yourself to the Presbyter if you are worshipping with us for the first time.

~ Birthdays this Week ~

"I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus."

I Corinthians 1:4

Mr. Sunil A. Thomas (8), Ms. Lena Khan (9),
Ms. Rebekah Paul (11), Ms. Rhea John (12)

~ Wedding Anniversary this Week ~

"And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity."

Mr. Aditya & Mrs. Swati Salvi (8), Mr. Sanjay & Dr. (Mrs.) Sonal Parmar (10),
Mr. Raj & Mrs. Ann Iype (11)

Cathedral ministries... ..

Get involved!

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| • Sunday School | Sunday morning during term time |
| • Women's Fellowship | 2 nd Sunday of the month 10.45 am |
| • Youth Fellowship | 2 nd & 4 th Sunday of the month 10.45 am |
| • Choir | Sunday 10.45 am & Saturday 5.30 pm |

ASH WEDNESDAY
18th February 2026

7 am Eucharist (*said*)

6:30 pm Eucharist (*sung*)

with imposition of ashes at both services.



For you are
DUST
and to dust you shall
RETURN
Genesis 3:19

Notices

- A service of thanksgiving will be held this evening 6 pm at the Church of St. John the Evangelist (Afghan War Memorial), Colaba to give thanks for the consecration of the church. Afghan Church was consecrated on 7th January 1858. All are warmly invited to attend the service.
- We thank God for the ministry of the missionaries supported by the Cathedral. **Mission Sunday** will be observed later this month.
- **World Day of Prayer** this year is on Friday 6th March. This day is a powerful demonstration of global solidarity. It begins in Samoa and moves across the world in a continuous wave of prayer, finishing 38 hours later in American Samoa. It truly is a worldwide day of prayer!
The theme for this year's World Day of Prayer is, "I will give you rest". The order of service has been compiled by the women from churches in Nigeria.
- Weekly **Bible study** will be conducted every Wednesday during the Lenten period via zoom. Details will be provided shortly.
- During Lent, if you are keen on a **prayer meeting** being held in your home (on Fridays) please contact the Presbyter.
- The Cathedral's Youth Fellowship will be meeting soon after the 8:45 am service. All young people are encouraged to attend.
- We would be happy to welcome new voices in the choir. If you enjoy singing and can make a weekly commitment you are very welcome to join. Meet the Presbyter if interested.
- Members are reminded to pay their annual subscription before the close of the financial year 31st March 2026.

Mumbai Diocesan Missionary Movement (MDMM)

The Diocese of Bombay's mission work is largely concentrated in Palghar, Dhannu, Wada and Johar. The Diocese supports 30 missionaries. The Revd Keith Pasgon is in-charge of Palghar and the Revd Vasudev Deshmukh of the Wada area.

The Cathedral sponsors three missionaries, organises medical camps and has initiated a literacy centre at Kairee and Kholekar Wada.

Churches of the Diocese series

February

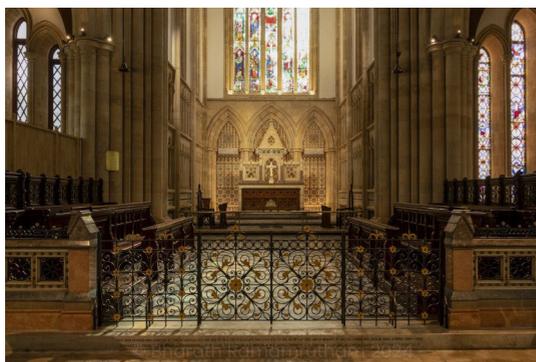
Its spire emerging tall from the foliage of ancient banyan trees, the stunningly beautiful **Church of Saint John the Evangelist** stands as a 'Lighthouse of Faith' overlooking the Arabian Sea. More popularly known as Afghan Church, the immediate impetus for fundraising and construction of the church was for it to serve as the principal memorial to the casualties in the First Anglo-Afghan War (1838 - 1842).

The Afghan War Memorial church was consecrated on 7th January 1858 by the Bishop of Bombay, John Harding (during whose episcopacy the Cathedral & John Connon School was founded).

An endearing name for the church has also been the "Bride's Church" due to its history as a popular wedding venue for British military personnel.

There are eight large brass bells in the belfry. Hymns and Carols can be played by pulling on ropes attached to each of the eight bells.

The annual Remembrance Day Service is held by the British High Commission here.



Pray with us

† **THE WORLD** We pray O God for the needs of the world: where there is war, grant the gift of peace; where there is injustice, stir the courage to seek what is right; where communities are wounded by poverty, disaster, or displacement, bring relief, compassion, and hope. We pray especially for Sudan, Syria, Gaza and the Occupied Palestinian Territories, Yemen, Ukraine and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. We pray for the leaders of the nations, that they may govern with wisdom and humility, and for all who work for healing and reconciliation. Renew the earth you have entrusted to our care, and awaken in us a generous spirit, that our lives may bear witness to your mercy and your desire for life in all its fullness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

† **OUR COUNTRY** Today we remember the *Leprosy Mission* and give thanks to God for their selfless work.

Pray peace at our borders and the safety of personnel in the armed forces.

† **THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH** In the Anglican Communion for the Church of Bangladesh and Bishop Samuel Sunil Mankhin.

† **THE CHURCH IN INDIA** Narayan Vaman Tilak (convert, hymn writer) is commemorated 10th February • The educationist and evangelist Alexander Duff is commemorated on 12th February • Christian Frederick Schwartz is commemorated on 13th February. He was an extraordinary Lutheran missionary and educator. His ecumenical spirit led him to accept an appointment as chaplain to the British community in Tiruchirapalli • The *Church of North India's* Diocese of Chotanagpur and Bishop B. B. Baskey • The Diocese of Cochin and Bishop Kurian Peter.

† **THE DIOCESE OF BOMBAY** Pray for the congregation of the Church of St John the Evangelist (Afghan Church) and the Revd K. I. Dyvasirvadham.

† **OUR CATHEDRAL** Pray for all senior citizens and their care providers • For all pupils writing their board examinations • This week for the office bearers of the Pastorate Committee.

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